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The Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement transmitted herewith is being filed after a final action under § 1.113. This does not constitute a substantive response to the Office Action which will be filed separately.

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(d), accompanying this transmittal is a certification as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e). Applicants hereby petition for the consideration of the accompanying Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (37 CFR 1.97(d)(ii)). Applicants submit the petition fees set forth in § 1.17(i)(1) (\$130).

Attached is a check for \$130. If any additional petition fees are due, please charge Account No. 22-0190. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 CFR 1.97(e))

This certification is being made for the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement accompanying this certification.

I, Frederick S. Burkhart, certify that each item of information contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement (37 CFR 1.97(e)(1)).

The person making this certification is the attorney who signs below.

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#### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.51, 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information listed on attached Form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with examination of the present application.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to herein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

Under 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Supplemental Information

Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made

or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists.

The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the patents and publications listed on the attached Forms PTO-1449.

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An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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